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Committee Bill No. 445

LCO No. 4578



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING A PLAN FOR THE CONNECTICORPS PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Labor Department, in
2 collaboration with the Department of Economic and Community
3 Development, the Board of Regents for Higher Education and The
4 University of Connecticut, shall develop a plan to establish the
5 Connecticorps program to capitalize on the skills of students enrolled
6 in the state system of higher education to improve the quality of life for
7 Connecticut residents. Such plan shall include, but not be limited to:
8 (1) An assessment of the feasibility of establishing the Connecticorps
9 program not later than September 1, 2017, (2) the identification of
10 existing or potential job sites for students participating in such
11 program; (3) comprehensive research regarding the availability of
12 stipends, housing and health care options for students participating in
13 such program; and (4) a programmatic design for the coordination and
14 state oversight of the Connecticorps program.
- 15 (b) Not later than January 1, 2017, the Labor Department shall
16 submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general

17 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
18 having cognizance of matters relating to labor, commerce and higher
19 education. Such report shall address the status of the plan as well as
20 any recommendations for administrative or legislative action
21 necessary to establish the Connecticorps program not later than
22 September 1, 2017.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To improve the quality of life for Connecticut residents by establishing a Connecticorps program that will harness student energy, creativity and skills to support vital state and nonprofit programs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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